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For: AIDED DESIGN APPARATUS, AIDED DESIGN METHOD, AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR RECORDING PROGRAM FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

Enclosed are:

- [X] SEVENTEEN (17) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-14.
- [] An Assignment of the invention to <u>CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA</u>
- [X] The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2002-338740 filed November 22, 2002.
- [] A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
- [] A Declaration and Power of Attorney.

- [] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
- [] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- [X] An Information Disclosure Statement.

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